

## October 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Nancy Atwood, Barbara Menne, Chuck Jensen, Sue Lepore, Ginny Lohr, John Doherty, Jim Tuttle, Jason Berkowitz, Linda Cohan, Mary Forman.  
This ZOOM meeting screen was enhanced with closed captioning.

### Meeting Planning Business

**NOTE! WE AGREED TO CHANGE OUR MEETING DATES TO THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, NOT THE FOURTH. THE NEXT MEETING IS NOV. 16 (SUMMARY OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE PLANS) THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER MEETING**

### Action Team Reports

#### Candidate Interviews, August and September meetings, Sue Lepore:

**Marty Campbell**, District 5, on 8/24, and **Robyn Denson** and **Paula Lonergan**, District 7, on 9/28. All the hard work with planning and drafting the 5 questions (Barbara, Elly) went well. You can catch the details by reading the [minutes](#) for those meetings, and you can watch the [videos](#) on our website. The establishment of a relationship with Republican **Paula Lonergan** was encouraging; she expressed skepticism coming in, but appreciation and interest afterwards. A successful CCL “nudge” toward being open to learning about climate issues. (In fact, she stopped by our booth and said hello at the **SAMI** event on Oct. 1, attending not to campaign, but to continue learning!)

#### Tabling, Linda Cohan:

**Saturday, Oct. 1 [Climate Change is Here: Challenges and Actions](#). Co-Sponsored by CCL Tacoma**, at **SAMI**/Pt. Defiance Zoo, Environmental Learning Center. **Elly Claus McGahan** helped organize this event; it was **CCL Tacoma’s** response to **CCL National’s “October Earth Day”** effort. There were many eco-booths and an open and honest panel discussion by community leaders covering environmental and equity issues, especially at the **Port of Tacoma**. Afterwards there was a tour of newly renovated **Owen Beach** (preparing for rising sea levels).

There is one more tabling opportunity, no experience necessary (contact [Linda Cohan](#)): **Saturday, Nov. 5 [Thriftapalooza](#), 8-3, Tacoma Convention Center**. Huge second-hand sale emphasizing repurposing and sustainability; ours is one of several non-profit booths there.

We plan to show these videos at our tabling booth: [Citizens’ Climate Lobby 15th Birthday video](#) and [Why Climate Resilience is Like a Tiger Chase](#)” (Union of Concerned Scientists)

*The Tabling committee will also look at increasing training for tablers in the future. There is so much information and so many various issues to cover that it is difficult to stay informed!*

### **Presentations, John Doherty:**

**Oct. 19**, for the **Mercer Island Women's Club** meeting at the **Women's University Club, Seattle**. "Using the Inflation Reduction Act to Further Your Personal Carbon Footprint Goals." About 60 women attending, active community leaders. Well-received, with a lot of Q & A, (and sustained interest later with many requests for infolinks, according to their newsletter editor) Tried to make it positive, in that "responding to climate change isn't all about "giving up things, we can create a clean, beautiful enjoyable future if we can make the transition."

**John's Climate Talk** radio program (**KTAH, KVSH**) is very active—recent guests include:

**Dr Liza Reed** with the **Niskanen Center**, an expert on long distance energy transmission. A key takeaway--if we meet the promise of the IRA, we only have about 50% of the long distance transmission lines needed to move all that electricity. Energy transmission has been flying under the radar and could be a critical pinchpoint in electrifying transportation.

**Mark Scheuerell** from **UW Aquatic and Fishery Sciences** has been studying salmon in the PNW for 30 years. He said some salmon populations have shrunk away to next to nothing.

**Dr Jessica Lovering** of the **Good Energy Collective**, who is pronuclear but oriented toward a progressive case for nuclear energy.

Interviewed **Robyn Denson** for the second time this week.

Will talk to **Kristin Ang** soon, about the Port of Tacoma. It will take two interviews! "There's a lot for us to be worried about down at the Port."

**Climate Talk** is archived on our [website](#) and at the Tacoma Public Library.

*A reminder—please use and support our social media! Be more active in looking and "liking" the posts! [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@CCLTacoma\)](#) and [Instagram \(ccl\\_tacoma\)](#).*

### **Get Out the Vote group:**

The group met three more times in October at various houses. Grand total, over 1520 postcards! GA, NY, AZ, CA. Thank you **John Doherty** for generously covering postage for most of these, and organizing and hosting, along with **Mary Forman** who hosted and also initiated the idea. It has been really encouraging to do this with a group and have a little social time (snacks!) as well. We intend to resume this fun and effective action for the 2024 general election. And don't forget to support/volunteer for the [Environmental Voter Project!](#)

### **Tacoma Tree Foundation, Mary Forman**

**TTF** sent out a cute Halloween newsletter with pictures and captions like "*Nothing is scarier than a street without trees!*". "*Nothing is more terrifying than discovering a topped tree!*" "*Nothing is more chilling than to live in a city with the lowest tree canopy in W. Washington!*" "*So let's make Tacoma a little less scary!*"

Check out their [website](#), they have really increased their activities, especially in areas lacking trees, and we can participate and support them in keeping with one of **CCL's** new advocacy directions. This is the season to plant trees; there's a lot of fun and camaraderie at the events:

**Tree plantings:** Nov. 5 Tacoma Mall area, Nov. 11 McKinley.

**Tree walks:** Oct. 29, **North End Tree Walk**, meet at **Wheelock Library**, 10:30 am

**Tree exchanges, giveaways:** **Oct. 29, Madison Middle School** tree share and art event, 10 am, **Nov. 5, FIRFest** tree share, 9 am, **Nov. 19, Branch Out the Great Urban Tree Giveaway**

**Nature walks for kids:** **Nov. 19 Explore Wapato Park** 10am

## Various Announcements

**[CCL DECEMBER CLIMATE CONFERENCE 2022](#)** is online **Dec. 3 & 4**. [Register here](#)

Discussing:

- What climate legislation will the new Congress likely take up in 2023?
- What are the prospects for a price on carbon?
- Is CCL really on the inside track with Congress now? What's changed?
- How will CCL be getting bigger and bolder in the fight for a livable planet?

In early November several of us plan to meet with the **Climate Crew**, a group of **Tacoma Community College** students who reached out to us for help in starting a climate activist club. Date and place TBA. Interested? Contact [Sue Lepore](#).

The [Climate ARTivism page](#) on the website is worth a look! We spent a few minutes sampling the October update.